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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

EAST VALINDA SHUTTLE SERVICE
AMENDMENT TO THE AVOCADO HEIGHTS, BASSETT, AND WEST VALINDA
SHUTTLE SERVICE CONTRACT NO. 76866
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST VALINDA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to amend the Avocado Heights, Bassett, and West Valinda Shuttle Service, Contract No. 76866, with Southland Transit, Inc., to add the East Valinda Shuttle Service in unincorporated East Valinda.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the contract work is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that this service can be more economically performed by an independent contractor than by County employees.
- 3. Approve and instruct the Chairman of your Board to execute the attached Amendment to the Avocado Heights, Bassett, and West Valinda Shuttle Service, Contract No. 76866, with Southland Transit, Inc., to add operation and management of transit services for the East Valinda Shuttle Service, commencing upon your Board's approval through January 20, 2011, at an estimated cost of \$350,000, which includes \$160,000 for the first contract year and \$190,000 for the second contract year, with three 1-year renewal options at an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$190,000.

- 4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to expend up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the Amendment to Contract No. 76866; and to adjust the contract sum and the unit prices for the contract period and the option years over the term of the Contract to allow for annual fuel cost adjustments in accordance with County policy and the terms of the amended Contract.
- 5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to exercise the three 1-year renewal options for the Amendment if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, Southland Transit, Inc., has successfully performed during the previous contract period and the services are still required; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend work if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to extend the Avocado Heights, Bassett, and West Valinda Shuttle Service to expand transit services to the unincorporated community of East Valinda.

#### <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Services (Goal 6). The contractor, who has the specialized expertise to provide this service accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The Amendment is for an amount not to exceed \$350,000, includes \$160,000 for the first contract year and \$190,000 for the second contract year, and \$190,000 annually for each of the subsequent option years, plus 10 percent of the annual contract amount for unforeseen additional work within the scope of work of the Amendment and to adjust the contract sum and unit prices to allow for annual fuel cost adjustments in accordance with the amended Contract.

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Financing for these services through June 30, 2009, is available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Budget. Funds to finance the operating costs and contingencies for Fiscal Year 2009-10 through Fiscal Year 2013-14 will be requested through the annual budget process.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 16, 2008, your Board approved Contract No. 76866 with Southland Transit, Inc., for the operation and management of the Avocado Heights, Bassett, and West Valinda Shuttle Service. The Contract is for an initial two-year period beginning on January 21, 2009, with three 1-year renewal options. This Amendment to Contract No. 76866 will enable East Valinda residents to access community-wide transit services and will provide the missing transit connections to Metro and Foothill Transit. The East Valinda Shuttle is scheduled to operate Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The attached Amendment has been executed by the contractor and approved as to form by County Counsel. Except as modified in this Amendment, all remaining terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of Contract No. 76866 will remain unchanged.

Since this is a Proposition A contract, Public Works has ensured that the contractor complies with the requirements of the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201) and agrees to pay its full-time employees providing County services a living wage.

Using a methodology approved by the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller, Public Works has calculated the cost-effectiveness of contracting for these services. Based on the cost calculations, Public Works has determined that these services can be more economically performed by an independent contractor than by County employees.

This Proposition A Contract does not allow cost-of-living adjustments for the three option years. However, this Contract does contain a provision for fuel cost adjustments on an annual basis.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides a new community transit service for unincorporated County residents. The East Valinda Shuttle Service will enhance the mobility options of residents by providing a fixed route to access community shopping and activity centers. It also provides transfer opportunities to Metro and Foothill Transit.

#### CONCLUSION

Attached are three copies of the Amendment. Upon approval, please return the Contractor Execute and Department Conform copies to this office. The original Board Execute copy should be retained for your files. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director of Public Works

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Attachments (3)

cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)

County Counsel

Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 76866

## AVOCADO HEIGHTS, BASSETT, AND WEST VALINDA SHUTTLE SERVICE

#### EAST VALINDA SHUTTLE SERVICE

THIS AMENDMENT, made and entered into as of this 300 day of MARCH, 2009, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a subdivision of the State of California, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY), and SOUTHLAND TRANSIT, INC., a California corporation (hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR).

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Contract No. 76866 was entered into between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR on December 16, 2008, for the Avocado Heights, Bassett, and West Valinda Shuttle Service; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Contract's Exhibit B, Standard Terms and Conditions Pertaining to Contract Administration, Section A, the COUNTY desires to add additional service in the unincorporated East Valinda area to Contract No. 76866; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to provide the additional transit service.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these facts and payment to be made by COUNTY, COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree that Contract No. 76866 between them shall be amended as follows:

<u>FIRST</u>: That Contract No. 76866 is hereby amended and modified to include shuttle service in the East Valinda area for the current contract period expiring on January 20, 2011, at such times and places specified along the established operating route as shown in Exhibit N. At the discretion of COUNTY or its authorized representative, this Amendment may be extended concurrently and within the terms of Contract No. 76866 for three 1-year periods through January 20, 2014, which is the end of the last contract period.

SECOND: That CONTRACTOR shall be compensated at the rates previously approved under Contract No. 76866. The cost for these additional services shall not exceed \$190,000 per year, increasing this Contract's not-to-exceed amount to \$350,000 for the first contract year and \$380,000 for each of the remaining contract years of operation, or such greater amounts that the COUNTY Board of Supervisors may approve.

THIRD: Contract No. 76866 is amended to include the attached Exhibit N, East Valinda Shuttle Route Description and Route Map.

<u>FOURTH</u>: All other terms, requirements, specifications, conditions, and prices of the original Contract shall remain in full force and effect. //  $/\!/$ // // // // // // // // // // // // // // // //

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COUNTY has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chairman of said Board and the seal of said Board to be affixed and attested by the Clerk thereof, and CONTRACTOR has subscribed its name by and through its duly authorized officers, as of the day, month, and year first written above.

By Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By Deputy

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I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

County Counsel

Deputy

SOUTHLAND TRANSIT, INC.

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## **EXHIBIT N**

# **EAST VALINDA** SHUTTLE SERVICE

- Route DescriptionRoute Map

## Route Description

Operating hours of Service shall be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. At the discretion of Director, operating hours of Service may be revised to improve service. Service will not operate on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Should one of these holidays fall on a Sunday, Service shall operate on a normal schedule on the following Monday even though the holiday may be celebrated on the Monday.

The shuttle travels along the following:

Rimgrove Drive Wing Lane Valinda Avenue Amar Road Azusa Avenue Gemini Street Bainford Avenue Renault Street Hambledon Avenue Salais Street **Hurley Street** Valley Boulevard Yorbita Road Altario Street Deapmead Avenue Rorimer Street La Seda Road Villa Park Street Gendel Drive Northam Street

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